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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

Postal Rate and Fee Changes

Docket No. R97-1

PRESIDING OFFICER'S RULING GRANTING MOTIONS FOR LATE ACCEPTANCE

(March 4, 1998)

On February 18, 1998, the Postal Service filed a Motion for Late Acceptance of responses to ANM/USPS-28.¹ The Postal Service states that the delay was caused by the necessity to coordinate the response with several functional areas of the Postal Service. Counsel indicates that the response was provided by facsimile in order to mitigate the delay. I will grant this motion.

On February 27, 1998, the Advertising Mail Marketing Association, Direct Marketing Association, Mail Order Association of America, Parcel Shippers Association, and Advo, Inc. (the Joint Parties) filed a request for late acceptance of interrogatory responses from witness Crowder.² Counsel for the Joint Parties indicates that the delay was caused by a delay in the receipt of the interrogatories. Counsel indicates that he has contacted NAA counsel and that NAA had no objection to the late filing. I will grant this request.

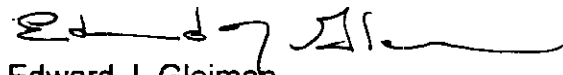
¹ Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers.

² Responses of Joint Parties Witness Antoinette Crowder to Interrogatories of Newspaper Association of America (NAA/JP-NOI3-1-2), and Motion to Receive Responses One Day Late.

RULING

1. The Motion of United States Postal Service for Late Acceptance of Response to Interrogatory of the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers (ANM/USPS-28), filed February 18, 1998, is granted.

2. The Responses of Joint Parties Witness Antoinette Crowder to Interrogatories of Newspaper Association of America (NAA/JP-NOI3-1-2), and Motion to Receive Responses One Day Late, filed February 27, 1998, is granted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward J. Gleiman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Edward J. Gleiman
Presiding Officer